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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: There is a missing application number for a related copending application.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

<u>Claims 1-5, 7-20</u>, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones et al U.S.Patent Application Publication 2002/0188841.

- 1. As per <u>claim 1</u>, Jones et al discloses a system for managing digital assets in a distributed data processing system, the system comprising:
 - a network of data processing systems (see fig. 1);
- a plurality of local knowledge management servers 6 connected to the network wherein each of the plurality of local knowledge management servers connected to and maintains a local digital asset repository (fig. 1, 0013, 0023, 0038);
 - a central knowledge management server (fig. 1, 0047); and

a central registry of digital assets; wherein each of the plurality local knowledge management servers sends location and identifying information concerning a digital asset the central knowledge management server whenever a digital asset saved to a local digital asset repository corresponding appropriate one of the plurality of knowledge management servers(fig. 1, 0047); and

the central knowledge management server stores the location and identifying information concerning the digital asset in the central registry of digital assets (fig. 1, 0046, 0047).

- 2. As per <u>claim 2</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein each of the plurality of local knowledge management servers presents a user interface to a user to allow the user to access digital assets stored on any one of the local digital asset repositories within the network (fig. 1 and 2, 0016, 0022, 0038, 0043, 0046).
- 3. As per <u>claim 3</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the user interface allows the user to perform administrative tasks and set up local work flows (0047, 0055).
- 4. As per <u>claim 4</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the central knowledge management server authenticates local knowledge management servers before accepting information from the local knowledge management server for storage on the central registry of digital assets (0053, 0064).

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5. As per <u>claim 5</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the central knowledge management server performs at least one of providing access to the central registry of digital assets to local knowledge management servers, enables automatic check-in/check-out of digital assets into the 6 central registry of digital assets, provides version control digital assets, provides a shadow registry for 8 redundant copies of digital assets, and captures statistics of and about the digital assets (fig. 1, 0013, 0017, 0020, 0047, 0057, 0059).

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- 7. As per <u>claim 7</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein a one of the plurality of local knowledge management servers retrieves the location of a requested digital asset by querying the central knowledge management server and, once the location of the requested digital asset is determined, retrieves the requested digital asset directly from another one of the plurality of local knowledge management servers on whose corresponding local digital asset repository the requested digital asset is located (0018, 0019, 0020).
- 8. As per <u>claim 8</u>, Jones et al further discloses the system, wherein the digital assets comprise at least one of text, audio, video, photographs, and graphics (0013, 0014, 0035).

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10. As per claim 10, 14 and 18, Jones et al further discloses the method, further comprising:

determining a security level of the digital asset; and sending security level information to the central registry of digital assets (0064, 0068).

9. As per <u>claim 9, 13 and 17</u>, Jones et al discloses a method of managing digital assets in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising:

receiving a request to store a digital asset (fig. 1 and 2);

storing the digital asset on a local digital asset repository(0047, 0052); and sending information to a central registry of digital assets, wherein the information indicates the identity of the digital asset and the location that the digital asset is stored (0047, 0052).

11. As per <u>claim 11, 15 and 19</u>, Jones et al further discloses the method, wherein sending information a central registry of digital assets comprises:

sending the information from a local knowledge management server to a central knowledge management (fig. 1, 0047);

authenticating at the central knowledge management server that the local knowledge management server is authorized to save digital asset information to the central registry of digital assets (0053, 0059); and

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saving, by the central knowledge management server, the information in the central registry of digital assets the local digital asset management server is authorized (0052, 0064).

12. As per <u>claim 12, 16 and 20</u>, Jones et al further discloses the method, further comprising:

refraining, at the central knowledge management server, from saving the information in the central registry of digital assets if the local knowledge management server is not authenticated (0053, 0064).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

<u>Claim 6</u>, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0188841 in view of Levy et al U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0033844.

6. As per <u>claim 6</u>, Jones et al failed to explicitly disclose the system, wherein the central knowledge management server provides at least one of generating reports based on digital asset usage, generating reports based on digital asset type, generating

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reports based on business unit, generates reports based on geography, and generates reports based on revenues.

Levy et al discloses the system, wherein the central knowledge management server provides at least one of generating reports based on digital asset usage, generating reports based on digital asset type, generating reports based on business unit, generates reports based on geography, and generates reports based on revenues (0104, 0134).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time of applicant's invention to modify the method of Jones et al and incorporate the the system, wherein the central knowledge management server provides at least one of generating reports based on digital asset usage, generating reports based on digital asset type, generating reports based on business unit, generates reports based on geography, and generates reports based on revenues as taught by Levy et al in order to generate report based on any of the above criteria.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Agwumezie whose number is (703) 305-0586. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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